

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ANKARA 05877 301042Z

10

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-10 ACDA-10 SAJ-01 OMB-01 TRSE-00

AID-05 MC-02 EB-07 DOTE-00 CG-00 A-01 OC-05 CCO-00

SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

/095 W

----- 129103

O P 300950Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 170

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI PRIORITY

AMCONSUL ADANA

AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

AMCONSUL IZMIR

EUCOM

CINCUSAFE

USMISSION NATO

USMISSION USUN

USIA WASHDC

USNMR SHAPE

UNCLAS ANKARA 5877

HELSINKI FOR PRESIDENT'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MASS,TU, CY, GR

SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON EMBARGO,

INSTALLATION SUSPENSION DEVELOPMENTS

REF: ANKARA 5843

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ANKARA 05877 301042Z

1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT TUESDAY BY THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF THAT

THE TAKEOVER OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED, PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, AND PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO CONGRESS DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES OF MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES WEDNESDAY (JULY 30).

2. SEVERAL DAILIES ALSO GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO TUESDAY'S MEETING OF THE NATO COUNCIL, ACTION BY LEADERS OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE ON CYPRUS TO CLOSE U.S. INSTALLATIONS, AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR MELIH ESENBEL'S NEWS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

3. REPORTS AND HEADLINE TREATMENT WERE ESSENTIALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. IN ADDITION, MILLIYET REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL WOULD SIGN THE CSCE FINAL ACT WITH THE RESERVATION THAT IN TURKISH EYES ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS DOES NOT REPRESENT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOIOT PORTION OF CYPRUS. A LETTER PRESENTING THE TURKISH VIEW WILL BE CIRCULATED AMONG DELEGATIONS, MILLIYET SAID.

4. MILLIYET ALSO CARRIED A REPORT BY CORRESPONDENT SAMI KOHEN IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL SUGGEST TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL THAT COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY BE PUT UNDER THE NATO "UMBRELLA". THIS WOULD PERMIT U.S. PERSONNEL TO KEEP WORKING AT THE INSTALLATIONS. ACCORDING TO KOHEN, OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON STILL DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE HOUSE CAN RECONSIDER ITS VOTE OF LAST THURSDAY BEFORE RECESSING. HE ADDED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS ALSO CONSIDERING SUPPLYING AID TO TURKEY THROUGH ITS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY IF CONGRESS CANNOT ACT BEFORE SEPTEMBER. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT THIS PROPOSAL TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AT HELSINKI, KOHEN SAID.

5. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARY REMAINED PREOCCUPIED WITH THE EMBARGO QUESTION AND TURKISH ACTION TO TAKE OVER COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS. THEMES WERE LARGELY REPETITIVE OF THOSE DEVELOPED EARLIER (SEE REFTEL). AN EXCEPTION WAS A COLUMN BY TEOMAN EREL IN CUNAYDIN. EREL SAID THAT TWO OPPOSED TENDENCIES HAVE BECOME APPARENT IN THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTALLATIONS AND RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. ON THE ONE HAND ARE DEMIREL, CAGLAYANGIL, FEYZIOGLU AND TURKES, WHO FAVOR A PRUDENT AND COOLHEADED APPROACH. THEY WANT TO SEE U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS MENDED AND DISPUTED MATTERS RESOLVED THROUGH NEW ACCORDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 ANKARA 05877 301042Z

LED BY CHAIRMAN NECMETTIN ERBAKAN. "ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE NSP, AMERICAN BASES ARE ENEMY FORTRESSES IN THE LAND OF ISLAM. THEY WERE CAPTURED AND THE TURKISH FLAG WAS HOISTED OVER THEIR TOWERS. THIS WAS A HOLY WAR," SAID EREL. HEUPECULATED THAT THE BASES ISSUE MIGHT BRING DOWN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT: "THE QUESTION, 'WHO CONQUERED THE BASES, ERBAKAN OR DEMIREL?', RESEMBLES THE QUESTION, 'WHO CONQUERED CYPRUS?', WHICH BROUGHT THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY-NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY COALITION

TO AN END."

6. SON HAVADIS, RECOMMENDED AN ATTITUDE OF RECONCILIATION TOWARD THE UNITED STATES IF PAST MISTAKES ARE RECTIFIED: IN NO PERIOD OF HISTORY WERE TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES ENEMIES. WE DO NOT THINK THERE WILL BE REASON TO BE ENEMIES IN THE FUTURE....NO HARM HAS COME TO US FROM OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA UP TO TODAY. AS WE ALL SEE, OUR LOCAL COMMUNISTS, BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RECENT DISPUTE, ARE TRYING TO CREATE AN ANTI-AMERICAN ATMOSPHERE IN OUR COUNTRY. THEY DEMAND OUR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO AND THE SEVERING OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN NATIONS. THEY EVEN SUGGEST COOPERATION WITH THE RUSSIANS."
MACOMBER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRESS COMMENTS, ARMS EMBARGO, SUMMIT MEETINGS, MILITARY BASE CLOSINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ANKARA05877
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750262-0648
From: ANKARA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975076/aaaaaevd.tel
Line Count: 128
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 ANKARA 5843
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hartledg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 MAR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 MAR 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <03 FEB 2004 by hartledg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TURKISH PRESS ON EMBARGO, INSTALLATION SUSPENSION DEVELOPMENTS
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, TU, CY, GR, US, CSCE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006